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Money Smart Week® is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. This year, Money Smart Week® takes place from April 18 - 25, 2015.

Across the country, hundreds of organizations collaborate to provide free financial educational seminars and other programming to consumers.

The seminars cover topics such as: budgeting; credit; purchasing a home; financial and estate planning; spending and saving; life stages; and much more.



Click the map to find programming available during Money Smart Week.®



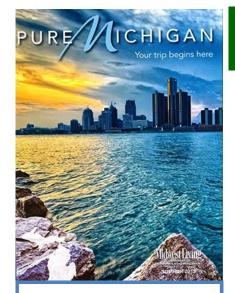
Additional resources on how you can protect yourself and your loved ones are available within the <u>Consumer Alerts</u> <u>section</u> of the Department of Attorney General's Consumer Protection website.

And, don't forget to check out other Senior Brigade presentations which are available on the <u>Senior Brigade website</u>.



Senior Smiles





The 2015 Pure Michigan Travel Guide is now available.

The guide offers events, activities, stories, along with beach and golf course information.

You can get your free copy by completing the order form on Pure
Michigan's website.

The 2014 Fall and Winter editions are still available in a digital copy.



SPRING IS IN THE AIR

While it may be a little soon to plant outside, now is the perfect time to start seeds indoors. Peas, lettuce, parsley, spinach, and onions are just a few that can be started now.

In order to yield the best fruits, follow the suggestions below:

- Label and use clean containers;
- Follow the directions on the packet;
- Cover containers with plastic and poke holes for ventilation;
- Find a place where there is natural bottom heat (i.e. top of a refrigerator); and

Water seedlings carefully.



Additional planting tips are available in the Old Farmer's Almanac.



A raised garden bed can provide all of the benefits of gardening without hurting your back.

Click here to learn how to build a raised garden bed.

